

# Inventory Management Data Exchange Focus Group

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# Inventory Management System Mission



To increase the capacity of all levels of public health to track and manage inventory of medical and non-medical countermeasures during daily operations or an emergency response event.

# Need for a Nationwide Inventory Management System



Creating a line of sight for inventory, i.e. what is available and on-hand at all levels (state, regional, local and/or point of delivery)



Identifying point of delivery facilities where product is shipped (i.e. hospitals, county health departments etc.)



Determining how much of the product is used/dispensed at the point of delivery location, therefore extending the line of sight

# Purpose

- ❑ Continue collaboration of CDC, users, Project Area partners, and inventory management subject matter experts
- ❑ Develop a uniform messaging interface to exchange inventory data between systems
- ❑ Gain an understanding of what **manual and automated processes** are involved in aggregating inventory data from **local to state levels**
- ❑ Take advantage of data exchange benefits
  - DSNS
    - Decreases turn-around time from information request to receipt
  - Project Area partners
    - Eliminates manual reporting

# Goals

- ❑ The Inventory Management Development Team is continuing to build upon core system capabilities currently in development
- ❑ With this **Data Exchange Focus Group**, our attention is now targeting the exchange of inventory data from existing systems already in use to the new IM system
  - For example, exchange Countermeasure Situation Report data

# Approach

- ❑ **Gain an understanding of what COTS products and custom products are currently being used for inventory management and the data extraction capabilities**
  - Includes data fields being captured so they can be mapped to fields in the IM system under development
- ❑ **Standard method for identifying products**
- ❑ **Process for the actual exchange of data**
  - Public Health Information Network Messaging System (PHINMS) and other available and approved messaging systems

# Inventory Management System Progress

## □ Phase I: Kickoff April 2010

- Worked with states and locals, DSNS and Public Health Informatics Institute (PHII)
  - Key Informant Interviews
  - High-level business processes
- Work Group 1 – Atlanta, GA (June 2010)
- Work Group 2 – Chicago, IL (August 2010)
- SNS Summit
  - Presentation, CRA demonstration and roundtable discussion

## □ Phase II: Began hosting bi-weekly technical requirements webinars

- CTS team integrated state and local work group members into the Agile development process
- Interactive requirements review, screen mock-ups and business rules
- Periodic demonstration of IM system prior to production deployment



# Need for Data Exchange

- ❑ The successful data exchange between the new IM system and existing systems will provide greater visibility of assets down to the POD level
- ❑ Including the Countermeasure Situation Report, data exchange will streamline reporting during an event

# Initial Data Set

## Inventory Data Sharing

Inventory Location		Product Description	Manufacture	Catalog/Stock Number	Size	National Drug Code	Lot number	Expiration Date	Unit of Issue (Units/Case)	On- hand Quantity	
										Cases	Units
State RSS	City										
Regional Distribution Node (if applicable)											
Facility Name		City									
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### Facility Types:

- Point of Dispensing, Open
- Point of Dispensing, Closed
- Local Health Department
- Hospital
- Emergency Medical Services
- Nursing home/assisted living facilities
- Visiting Nurses/Home Health
- Federally Qualified Community Health Clinic (HRSA funded)
- Community Clinic, Other (non-profit community clinics)
- Indian Health Service Center/Hospital
- Tribal Government
- Alternate Care Facility
- Private physician(s)
- Commercial Pharmacy
- Correctional facilities (Fed/State/County/City)
- Federal facilities (VA, DoD, Agencies)
- Storage facility, for future deployment
- Other

# Deployment, Transport and Message Format

## ❑ Deployment

- Will be deployed centrally
- Can be deployed at the state or local level

## ❑ Transport – PHINMS

- Secure point-to-point file transfer tool
- Free software available from CDC
- In use at almost every Project Area

## ❑ Single standard message format

- Delimited text, XML, etc.

# Focus Group Organization

## □ Frequency

- Data exchange focus group meetings will be scheduled on a regular basis
- Prior to each meeting, focus group members will be notified of the topic, agenda and be provided with meeting materials

## □ Duration

- Each webinar meeting will last approximately 1 hour but will remain flexible depending on scope of discussion

**All focus group members are invited to participate in the interactive discussion!**

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# Open Discussion

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